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1. WE HAVE INFORMALLY ADVISED MEMBERS OF AUSTRALIAN, FRENCH, SOVIET AND UK MISSIONS HERE THAT USG EXPECTS TO HOLD PLEBISCITE IN MARIANAS ON RECENTLY CONCLUDED COVENANT IN LATE JUNE OR EARLY JULY AND HOPES THAT NEXT TURSTEESHIP COUNCIL SESSION WILL AUTHORIZE PERIODIC VISITING MISSION (UNVM) TO OBSERVE PLEBISCIT AMONG ITS OTHER FUNCTIONS.

2. AMB WHITE HAD CORDIAL AND LOW-KEY CONVERSATION MAR 10 WITH SOV REPS KOVALENKO AND KARTASHOV. THEY MADE NO EFFORT
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TO CRITICIZE SEPARATE STATUS FOR MARIANAS BUT WERE NONCOMMITTAL

ABOUT SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN NEXT UNVM. MISOFF MET WITH AUSTRALIAN (REID), FRENCH (DE LATAILLADE) AND UK (RICHARDSON) REPS ON MAR 7. RICHARDSON INDICATED THAT SINCE UK WILL BE ELECTED TC CHAIRMAN AT NEXT SESSION, IT LIKELY THAT UK ALTERNATE PERMREP MURRAY WILL AGREE TO CHAIR UNVM AS WELL. DE LATAILLADE SAID THAT HE WOULD BE GOF CHOICE TO PARTICIPATE IN UNVM BUT THAT HE ABSOLUTELY UNABLE TO BEGIN MISSION UNTIL JULY. HE RAISED POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING PLEBISCITE WEEKEND OF JULY 6, ENABLING HIM TO REACH GUAM BY JULY 1-2. REID SAID THAT AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATION WOULD DEPEND ON PAPUA NEW GUINEA INDEPENDENCE DATE, SINCE THIS WOULD RESULT IN IMMEDIATE AUSTRALIAN WITHDRAWAL FROM TC. IF PNG INDEPENDENCE DELAYED UNTIL AT LEAST SEPTEMBER, CANBERRA LIKELY TO APPROVE AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATION, ALTHOUGH AT RELATIVELY LOW LEVEL. IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA BECOMES INDEPENDENT IN MID-SUMMER WHILE UNVM "STILL ON THE ROAD", CANBERRA WILL PROBABLY DECIDE NOT TO PARTICIPATE SO AS TO AVOID NECESSITY OF "LAME DUCK" TC MEMBER SIGNING REPORT. ALL 3 REPS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN WHETHER CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA (COM) WOULD BE ASKED TO APPROVE SEPARATE STATUS FOR MARIANAS. MISOFF SAID USG EXPECTED THAT MICRONESIAN ACQUIESCENCE IN SEPARATE STATUS WOULD BE CONVEYED TO TC BEFORE OR AT TIME REQUEST MADE TO TERMINATE TRUSTEESHIP.

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